

MINUTES  
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

The Board convened for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation Administration building at 717 West Main, Arlington, Texas on September 14, 2009, notice of said meeting being posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, V.T.C.A., Government Code, with the following members and staff present, to wit:

**Members:**

Ms. Lynn Healy	Chair	Place 2
Mr. Tony Powell	Member	Place 1 – arrived at 6:40 p.m.
Mr. Mark James	Member	Place 3
Mr. Gene Gehring	Member	Place 4
Ms. Sue Phillips	Vice Chair	Place 5
Mr. Glenn Troutman	Member	Place 6
Ms. Lanora Wright	Member	Place 7
Mr. Patrick Wyatt	Member	Place 8 - absent
Ms. Susan Eaves	Member	Place 9
Miss Kathryn Yaggi	Youth Member	Place 10

**Staff:**

Pete Jamieson	Director - PARD
Matt Young	Assistant Director - PARD
Bill Gilmore	Assistant Director – PARD
De'Onna Garner	Parks Planning Manager – PARD

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Healy called the Board Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**II. SPOTLIGHT**

Mr. Gilmore introduced Christine Glenn, Customer Service Representative, to the Board. Ms. Glenn provided a brief work history and informed the Board of her various work duties.

**III. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Chairwoman Healy asked for approval of the August 10, 2009 minutes. Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS (other than Items for Action)**

Mr. Pat Kelly approached the Board to request organic fill material for the Randol Mill Park North 40 area.

Ms. Sandy Britt spoke on behalf of the Highpoint Neighborhood Association on Treepoint Park. Ms. Britt would like to submit a formal request to adopt Treepoint Park as the official name of the park. Ms. Britt submitted her official request to the Board in writing and also requested an addition of a walking trail.

Ms. Jan Miller approached the Board in regards to the Southwest Nature Preserve and the Bowman Springs Road widening project adjacent to this location.

**V. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**a. Comments from Citizens (about Items for Action)**

N/A

**b. Park Permits**

Mr. Young reported on the park permits. Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve the permits. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**c. Fish Creek Trail Connection**

Mr. Young provided a presentation detailing the Fish Creek trail system. Ms. Patty Evangelista spoke in support of a bridge to connect trails and biking paths. Ms. Evangelista would like to see the Fish Creek trail system become part of the Parks Master Plan. Mr. Young requested Board endorsement to install a bridge and trail connection to the neighborhood. The total estimated cost of this project will be roughly \$150K. Ms. Phillips asked what the timeline on this project would be. Mr. Young informed the Board that they would like to start immediately. Mr. Garner informed the Board that staff may be requested to perform a hydrology study in which case the project completion time would be extended. Ms. Wright made a motion to approve the bridge and trail construction request. Mr. James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**d. Hike and Bike Master Plan**

Mr. Young provided a power point presentation highlighting the proposed hike and bike system master plan. The proposal will be presented to Council next Tuesday. The plan will highlight project goals, project needs, benefits, the project team, linear park fees, an outlined schedule and financial impacts. Mr. Young requested Board endorsement of the proposed consultant contract with Greenways Incorporated to develop the hike and bike system master plan. Ms. Phillips made a motion to approve. Ms. Eaves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**e. Facility Renaming Proposal**

Mr. Gilmore provided a presentation highlighting Elzie Odom Recreation Center facility facts, program base and program participation. Staff was seeking the Board's endorsement to rename the center to Elzie Odom Athletic Center. Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve the name change. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Powell left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

**VI. PARD INFORMATION ITEMS (for discussion)**

**Bowman Springs Road Widening Update**

Mr. Young updated the Board on the Bowman Springs Road widening project. Ms. Phillips stated that she would like Jill House to attend a future Board meeting and address the economic impact of the road widening. Mr. Troutman suggested that Board members drive the route to get a feel of construction impact.

**Capital Programs Schedule**

Mr. Young distributed a spreadsheet detailing phases of construction and a push to move the skate park up on the schedule. Original construction was scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2012.

**Founders Plaza Update**

Tabled.

**Stadium Pre-Events**

Mr. Jamieson updated the Board on pre-event functions such as food and beverage vendors utilizing Johnson Creek and the Caelum Moor area for sales, renting open spaces for tailgate parties and other opportunities. Staff is currently experimenting with the logistics of these types of pre-events. Mr. Packan will update the Board at a future meeting.

**Stadium Event Parking**

Mr. Jamieson informed the Board about revenue generated from stadium parking vendors. Mr. Jamieson also ensured the Board that parking at recreation centers and neighborhood parks would be coordinated with park usage and not interfere with parks events.

### **October Park Board Meeting Location**

Mr. Jamieson informed the Board that due to the U2 concert and parking conflicts, the October Board meeting will be held at Bob Duncan Center's Art Room.

### **FY2010 Budget Update**

Mr. Jamieson updated the Board on budget issues. These included no benefit reductions, utilization of reserve funds, and more hiring freezes. Mr. Troutman asked for pool closure impact reports. Mr. Gilmore will provide these at the October meeting.

### **Caelum Moor Ribbon Cutting**

Ms. Drawdy reminded the Board about the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Caelum Moor ribbon cutting ceremony and reception.

## **VII. PARB COMMITTEES**

### **Planning and Development**

Nothing to report

### **Policies and Operations**

The committee met on the Elzie Odom name change and voted to approve the change to the Elzie Odom Athletic Center.

## **VIII. REQUESTED INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (for distribution)**

N/A

## **IX. ITEMS FROM PARB MEMBERS**

- a. The Board asked for the removal of the Facility Assessment/AdHoc committee section on the Park Board Agenda since the committee has now been disbanded.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Lynn Healy, PARB Chair

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